CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 through 37 (canceled)

38. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm^3 to 5 g/cm^3, a moisture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/1 to 1500 g/l and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

0.2 - 5 % by weight	< 100 µm
1 - 15 % by weight	100 - 250 µm
4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 µm
8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 µm
15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 µm

39. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the density of the granules ranges from 1.2 g/cm^3 to 3.1 g/cm^3.

40. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the moisture content of the granules ranges from 2% to 12%.

41. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the bulk density of the granules ranges from 170 g/1 to 600 g/1.

42. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the cellulose is selected from the group consisting of cotton, linters, pulp, paper, flax, hemp, jute, cuprammonium silk, rayon, lyocel and/or colored fibers.

43. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the cellulosic raw material is wood, wood shavings, sawdust, straw and/or cork.

44. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the proportion of cellulosic granules in the mixture ranges from 40% to 100% by weight.

45. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the mixtures contain auxiliaries and additives in amounts ranging from 0% to 40% by weight.

46. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the proportion of organic polymer materials in the mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by weight.

47. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 46 wherein the auxiliaries and additives are organic or inorganic substances, colorants, binders, curing agents, dispersants, preservatives, fungicides, mica, flame-resistant materials, nanoparticles of any type and/or water.

48. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 47 wherein the colorant is a white or colored organic or inorganic colorant.

49. (new) The sprayable coating agent defined in claim 38 comprising a mixture of pre-ground, non-sieved granules of pulp cellulose as the granules of cellulose, and a colorant as the auxiliary or additive material.

50. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm^3 to 5 g/cm^3, a moisture content of 5.7%, a bulk density of 352 g/1 and so the granules have the following particle-size distribution:

2.5 % by weight	< 100 µm
18.8 % by weight	100 - 250 µm
7.5% % by weight	250 - 400 µm
11.9 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
27.1 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
19.7 % by weight	> 1250 µm.

51. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of sieved granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm^3 to 5 g/cm^3, a moisture content of 5.9%, a

bulk density of 326 g/1 and so that the sieved granules have the following particle-size distribution:

6.1 % by weight	< 100 µm
4.3 % by weight	100 - 250 µm
6.2 % by weight	250 - 400 µm
14.0 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
14.5 % by weight	600 - 800 µm
43.1 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
12.0 % by weight	> 1250 µm.

52. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm^3 to 5 g/cm^3, a moisture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/1 to 1500 g/l and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 µm
10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
25 - 70 % by weight	1250 - 1600 µm
7 - 15 % by weight	1600 - 2000 µm
3 - 5 % by weight	> 2000 µm.

53. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the density of the granules ranges from 1.2 g/cm^3 to 3.1 g/cm^3.

54. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the moisture content of the granules ranges from 2% to 12%.

55. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the bulk density of the granules ranges from 170 g/1 to 600 g/1.

56. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the cellulose is selected from the group consisting of cotton, linters, pulp, paper, flax, hemp, jute, cuprammonium silk, rayon, lyocel and/or colored fibers.

57. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the cellulosic raw material is wood, wood shavings, sawdust, straw and/or cork.

58. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the proportion of cellulosic granules in the mixture ranges from 40% to 100% by weight.

59. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the mixtures contain auxiliaries and additives in amounts ranging from 0% to 40% by weight.

60. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the mixtures contain organic polymers in amounts ranging from 0% to 40% by weight.

61. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 60 wherein the auxiliaries and additives are organic or inorganic substances, colorants, binders, curing agents, dispersants, preservatives, fungicides, mica, flame-resistant materials, nanoparticles of any type and/or water.

62. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 61 wherein the colorant is a white or colored organic or inorganic colorant.

63. (new) The sprayable coating agent defined in claim 52 comprising a mixture of pre-ground, non-sieved granules of pulp cellulose as the granules of cellulose, and a colorant as the auxiliary or additive material.

64. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm^3 to 5 g/cm^3, a moisture content of 6.3%, a bulk density of 465 g/1 and so that the granules have the following particle-size distribution:

0.4% by weight	< 800 µm
9.6 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
67.5 % by weight	1250 - 1600 µm
22.2 % by weight	1600 - 2000 µm
0.4 % by weight	> 2000 µm

65. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the synthetic fibers are polyester, polyamide, polyacrylonitrile, polyurethane, polyethylene, polypropylene and/or acetate fibers.

66. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the inorganic fibers are silicate, water glass, glass, metal and/or carbon fibers.

67. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the proportion of synthetic fibers in the mixture ranges from 0% to 60% by weight.

68. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the proportion of inorganic fibers in the mixture ranges from 0% to 60% by weight.

69. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances are marble, quartz sand, silicic acid, chalk, gypsum, carbonates and/or metal oxides.

70. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the proportion of inorganic coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances in the mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by weight.

71. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the organic polymer materials are polyethylene, polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene, polystyrene foam, acrylates, rubber and/or other modified and unmodified polysaccharides.

72. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 38 wherein the proportion of organic polymer materials in the mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by weight.

73. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the synthetic fibers are polyester, polyamide, polyacrylonitrile, polyurethane, polyethylene, polypropylene and/or acetate fibers.

74. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the inorganic fibers are silicate, water glass, glass, metal and/or carbon fibers.

75. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the proportion of synthetic fibers in the mixture ranges from 0% to 60% by weight.

76. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the proportion of inorganic fibers in the mixture ranges from 0% to 60% by weight.

77. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances are marble, quartz sand, silicic acid, chalk, gypsum, carbonates and/or metal oxides.

78. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the proportion of inorganic coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances in the mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by weight.

79. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the organic polymer materials are polyethylene, polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene, polystyrene foam, acrylates, rubber and/or other modified and unmodified polysaccharides.

80. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim 52 wherein the proportion of organic polymer materials in the mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by weight.

81. (new) A method for making a sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm^3 to 5 g/cm^3, a moisture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/1 to 1500 g/1 and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

0.2 - 5 % by weight	< 100 µm
1 - 15 % by weight	100 - 250 µm
4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 µm
8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 µm
15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 µm.

comprising the step of:

(a) grinding up the fibrous and coarse-grained cellulosic starting materials before granulation to obtain a grinding stock having the following particle-size distribution:

40 to 65% by weight	> 40 µm
25 to 45% by weight	> 50 µm
5 to 20% by weight	> 63 µm
0 to 10% by weight	> 90 µm

0 to 5% by weight > 100 µm;

(b) compacting the grinding stock to form a pressed piece of compacted cellulosic material;

(c) granulating the compacted cellulosic material to obtain the cellulosic granules of the abovementioned particle size distribution; and

(d) optionally sieving the cellulosic granules according to step (c).

82. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 81 wherein according to step (b) the starting materials or material mixtures are compacted to form a pressed piece using a contact force ranging from 30 kN to 400 kN.

83. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 82 wherein the starting materials or material mixtures are compacted using a commercially available compactor.

84. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 81 wherein some of the auxiliaries or additives are admixed with the starting materials or material mixtures prior to the compacting, granulating or sieving operations.

85. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 81 wherein water is added to the starting materials or material mixtures prior to the compacting, granulating or sieving operations.

86. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 81 wherein the granules are stirred with water to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 20,000 mPas.

87. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 81 wherein the granules are stirred with water and optionally with conventional auxiliaries and/or additives to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 80,000 mPas.

88. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 81 wherein the granules are stirred with water and optionally with colored fibers and/or metallic fibers and/or metallic particles and/or mother-of-pearl and/or inorganic and/or organic dyed particles in order to achieve certain visual effects so as to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 90,000 mPas.

89. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 88 wherein the stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound contains 5% to 40% by weight of granules, 0% to 60% by weight of water and 0% to 95% by weight of auxiliaries and/or additives.

90. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 81 wherein a dry mixture is prepared that contains 5% to 100% by weight of granules and 0% to 95% by weight of auxiliaries and/or additives.

91. (new) A method for making a sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm3 to 5 g/cm3, a moisture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/1 to 1500 g/1 and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 µm
10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
25 - 70 % by weight	1250 - 1600 µm
7 - 15 % by weight	1600 - 2000 µm

3 - 5 % by weight > 2000 µm

comprising the step of:

(a) grinding up the fibrous and coarse-grained cellulosic starting materials before granulation to obtain a grinding stock having the following particle-size distribution:

40 to 65% by weight > 40µm

25 to 45% by weight > 50µm

5 to 20% by weight > 63µm

0 to 10% by weight > 90µm

0 to 5% by weight > 100µm;

(b) compacting the grinding stock to form a pressed piece of compacted cellulosic material;

(c) granulating the compacted cellulosic material to obtain the cellulosic granules of the abovementioned particle size distribution; and

(d) optionally sieving the cellulosic granules according to step (c).

92. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 91 wherein according to step (b) the starting materials or material mixtures are compacted to form a pressed piece using a contact force ranging from 30 kN to 400 kN.

93. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 92 wherein the starting materials or material mixtures are compacted using a commercially available compactor.

94. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 91 wherein some of the auxiliaries or additives are admixed with the starting materials or material mixtures prior to the compacting, granulating or sieving operations.

95. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 90 wherein water is added to the starting materials or material mixtures prior to the compacting, granulating or sieving operations.

96. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 90 wherein the granules are stirred with water to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 20,000 mPas.

97. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 90 wherein the granules are stirred with water and optionally with conventional auxiliaries and/or additives to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 80,000 mPas.

98. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 90 wherein the granules are stirred with water and optionally with colored fibers and/or metallic fibers and/or metallic particles and/or mother-of-pearl and/or inorganic and/or organic dyed particles in order to achieve certain visual effects so as to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 90,000 mPas.

99. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable coating agent according to claim 97 wherein the stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound contains 5% to 40% by weight of granules, 0% to 60% by weight of water and 0% to 95% by weight of auxiliaries and/or additives.

100. (new) A method of applying a decorative coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface which comprises the step of applying directly onto the interior or exterior surface a sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm^3 to 5 g/cm^3, a moisture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/l to 1500 g/1 and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

0 - 40 % by weight	0 - 600 µm
5 - 55 % by weight	600 - 1250 µm
5 - 95 % by weight	> 1250 µm or
0 - 15 % by weight	0 - 800 µm
10 - 85 % by weight	800 - 2000 µm
0 - 15 % by weight	> 2000 µm.

101. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined in claim 100 wherein the cellulose granules have the following particle-size distribution:

0.2 - 5 % by weight	< 100 µm

1 - 15 % by weight	100 - 250 µm
4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 µm
8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 µm
15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 µm.

102. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined in claim 100 wherein the cellulose granules have the following particle-size distribution:

5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 µm
10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
25 - 70 % by weight	1250 - 1600 µm
7 - 15 % by weight	1600 - 2000 µm
3 - 5 % by weight	> 2000 µm.

103. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined in claim 100 wherein the sprayable coating agent is a stiff, semi-fluid pasty composition.

104. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined in claim 103 wherein the stiff, semi-fluid pasty composition is applied onto the surface to be coated with a spraying device so that a desired surface structure
can be set by the granularity of the granules.

105. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined in claim 103 wherein the stiff, semi-fluid pasty composition is mixed with water prior to applying the composition directly onto the interior or exterior surface.

106. (New) A sprayable coating agent in the form of dry granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or in-organic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm^3 to 5 g/cm^3, a bulk density of 150 g/l to 1500 g/l and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

0.2 - 5 % by weight	< 100 µm
1 - 15 % by weight	100 - 250 µm

4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 µm
8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 µm
15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 µm.

107. (New) A method for making a sprayable coating agent in the form of dry granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the dry granules have a density of 1 g/cm^3 to 5 g/cm^3, a bulk density of 150 g/1 to 1500 g/1 and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 µm
10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
25 - 70 % by weight	1250 - 1600 µn
7 - 15 % by weight	1600 - 2000 µm
3 - 5 % by weight	> 2000 µm.

comprising the step of:

(a) grinding up the fibrous and coarse-grained cellulosic starting materials before granulation to obtain a dry grinding stock having the following particle-size distribution:

40 to 65% by weight > 40 µm
25 to 45% by weight > 50 µm
5 to 20% by weight > 63 µm
0 to 10% by weight > 901 µm
0 to 5% by weight > 100 µm;

(b) compacting the dry grinding stock to form a pressed piece of compacted cellulosic material;

(c) granulating the compacted cellulosic material to obtain the dry cellulosic granules of the abovementioned particle size distribution; and

(d) optionally sieving the dry cellulosic granules according to step (c).

108 (new) A method of applying a decorative coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface which comprises the step of

(a) preparing the sprayable coating agent in the form of dry granules according to claim 107;

(b) stirring th dry granules containing cellulose with water to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating composition, suitable for coating a wall or ceiling; and

(c) applying the stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating composition directly onto the inter exterior surface.